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Annual Meeting Room Block Closes June 17 Sell-Out Expected

The VTCA Annual Meeting will be held July 14 – 17 at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, a new venue for VTCA. Why should you attend?

-  Harvard Business Review reports that 95% of their subscribers say face-to-face interaction is key to successful long term relationships. At the VTCA Annual Meeting you will make contacts and gain knowledge that can help you improve your bottom line.
-  You will benefit from personal interaction with some of the most knowledgeable leaders in our industry. 89% of Harvard Business Review readers say that personal meetings are essential to sealing the deal.
-  You will be attending a members-only, family-friendly event, for which the registration fee has not increased in nearly a decade. And, you will enjoy a new venue for an Annual Meeting – the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, right on the Boardwalk in the heart of vibrant Virginia Beach.

Here's a peek at the program.

- ↔ VDOT Commissioner Charlie Kilpatrick, PE will be joined by other members of the senior VDOT leadership team to update the industry on VDOT's plans and priorities.
- ↔ Former Virginia Secretaries of Transportation will share their insights on the future of transportation infrastructure development in the Commonwealth.
- ↔ Doug Bosse, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Strategy at the University of Richmond, will lead us through a workshop on the ten characteristics of highly effective teams.
- ↔ Mark Fernandes, Chief Leadership Officer with the Luck Companies, will be our keynote speaker, discussing "The Leadership Imperative and the Future of Work."
- ↔ Mark will continue with a session on how to operationalize and monetize mission-driven corporate values.

VTCA works diligently to provide a meaningful return on your investment in membership. The Annual Meeting is just one example of that commitment. With a valuable and substantive program, and a new venue, you will benefit from attending. Details are at www.vtca.org/vtca_calendar/events/2016_vtca_annual_meeting/.

If you need more information or have questions, contact Lisha, Stephanie or Jan at the VTCA office, 804-330-3312.

Coal Surface And First Class Foreman Certifications Now Accepted

More certifications held by Virginia's coal miners will now be accepted by mineral mining operators and regulators. A valid coal Surface Foreman or First Class Mine Foreman certification with the Division of Mines satisfies regulatory requirements for those looking to transition industries. The First Class Foreman certification is required for underground mine foremen. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) oversees certifications for workers in both industries.

"We initially started accepting the General Coal Miner Surface certification and realized there was more that DMME could do to provide a well-trained and qualified workforce to our mining operations," said DMME Mineral Mining Director, Phil Skorupa. "We reviewed regulations and the agency's coal mine training satisfies what is required of miners on mineral sites."

A recent decline in the coal industry has resulted in job losses for hundreds. In 2015, DMME had 449 eligible coal Surface and First Class Foreman certifications and 1,447 mineral Surface and First Class Foreman certifications. There are now 444 permitted mineral mines across the Commonwealth. The industry has seen a 10% increase in production and the number of permitted mines over the last year.

Additionally, General Surface Coal Miners and Electricians certified by DMME's Division of Mines are also able to work in the mineral industry with no additional training. Workers that transition from coal to minerals need to provide a copy of their Division of Mines certification and submit the appropriate application for a certification from the Division of Mineral Mining.

DMM requires verification that the certification has not been suspended, revoked or have any pending action with the Board of Coal Mine Examiners. The \$10 application fee will also be waived. For more information, miners should contact the Mineral Mining office at 434-951-6315.

Editor's Note: Reprinted from DMME Press Release of April 28, 2016

DMM Welcomes Sarah Smith

Virginia's Division of Mineral Mining has undergone a series of organizational changes over the past few months. VTCA anticipates that these changes will benefit Virginia's aggregates industry.

The most recent change has been the hiring of Sarah Smith. Sarah will be the Area 10 Mine Inspector and Compliance Permit Specialist; she will provide permit review and operator assistance to the DMM Eastern Area. With a B.S and M.S. in Mining and Minerals Engineering from Virginia Tech, Sarah has experience in minerals processing, coal and borax mining. Join us in welcoming Sarah.

Smoke Schools

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for the fall Visible Emissions (Smoke) Schools. Details will follow mid-summer.

Richmond – Tuesday, September 13
Roanoke - Friday, September 16
Abingdon - Saturday, September 17

Fall Aggregate Clay Shoot October 12

Mark your calendar now for the 2nd Annual VTCA Aggregate Clay Shoot. Last year's event was a huge success so we anticipate a sell-out. The shoot is set for October 12 at the Shenandale Gun Club in Swoope, Virginia. Established in 1930, Shenandale is the oldest skeet club in Virginia and is a private club, not open to the public. Details will be available in the coming months, but put this date on your calendar!

MSHA Re-Enforces Rules To Live By

MSHA reminds operators to focus more on safety standards linked to fatalities, also known as the Rules to Live (RTL). RTL standards were instituted in 2010 to boost enforcement by making violations of standards tied to most fatalities subject to special assessment. The agency reported that deaths tied to the RTL standards have fallen 23%. RTL standards-tied violations deemed to be Significant and Substantial declined by 37%.

The agency also announced that it is adding two new standards to the "RTL IV." One of the standards deals with the coal industry and the other, protection from falling materials, will impact the metal/non-metal industry. The agency also reminds industry that they can monitor their compliance with the RTL standards via MSHA's web-based RTL calculator, <http://arlweb.msha.gov/drs/rlb-violations-calculator.asp>. This is helpful as it allows operators to assess where they are regarding violations of the RTL standards and, hopefully, not fall into a status of heightened enforcement.

Revised OJT Job Classifications Manual Is Now Available Online

VTCA and VDOT have updated the *On-Job-Training (OJT) Manual* for specific pre-approved standard job classifications for highway construction in Virginia. This was a collaborative effort between VTCA, VDOT, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Virginia Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Representatives from these agencies as well as VTCA members participated in this process.

This updated manual should aid the construction transportation industry by expediting the approval of training programs for individuals in the pre-approved OJT classifications. The document can be accessed on VTCA's web site under the Resources tab or by visiting www.vtca.org/images/uploads/VTCA-VDOT_OJT_Manual%20RevMay2016.pdf.

VTCA Delegation Takes Funding Message To Capitol Hill

A contingent of VTCA members recently descended on Capitol Hill to press Virginia's members of Congress to find a permanent revenue fix for the Highway Trust Fund and to fully fund the FAST Act for FY 2017. They were in Washington, DC on May 9-11 as part of the American Road & Transportation Builders Association's Federal Issues Program and the Transportation Construction Coalition Fly-In.

A tip of the hard hat to these folks for taking time out of their busy schedules to "take it to the Hill."



From left to right: Tom Witt - VTCA, Babur Mian – *Terra Site Constructors*, Tom Carroll – *Vulcan Materials Company*, Sam Hollins – VTCA, Representative Morgan Griffith (R) – District 9 – Southwest Virginia, Jim Van Ness – *Luck Stone*, Barrett Hardiman – *Luck Stone*.

395 Express Lanes Design-Build Procurement

Transurban will be conducting a two-stage procurement for the 395 Express Lanes project in Northern Virginia. The project will extend the 95 Express Lanes along I-395 approximately eight miles from Edsall Road to the 14th Street Bridge. This project will require the procurement of a design-build contractor for the following scope:

- Reconfiguration and reconstruction of the two existing HOV lanes to three HOT lanes, including traffic control, pavement modifications, signing, pavement markings and lighting;
- Construction of modified entry and exit connections to the HOT lanes at Eads Street;
- Installation of a comprehensive Traffic Management System; and
- Installation of an electronic toll collection system.

The RFQ is open invitation and was released on May 2, 2016 to registered companies. Registration continues until June 16.

More information is available at <http://395expresslanes.com/contracting-opportunities>.
Transurban's point of contact is Sean Mallipudi, 571-419-6136 or smallipudi@transurban.com.

OSHA Webinar Educates Members On Laws And How To Handle Citations

VTCA members recently heard from attorneys on both sides of Virginia's occupational health and safety program. Presenters **Robert Feild**, Senior Staff Attorney with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, and **Brett Marston** and **Spencer Wiegard**, members of **Gentry Locke's** construction practice group, discussed key laws, standards and regulations that all businesses and employees should know about. Additionally, attendees learned how the VOSH enforcement system works, including an explanation of VOSH inspections, citations and judicial proceedings. The presentation also shared strategies for challenging citations and negotiating penalties.

The final webinar in our Spring Webinar Series will be broadcast on Thursday, June 2, at noon. Please join us to hear about Procedures and Pricing Rules for VDOT Claims. For more information and to register, please visit <http://bit.ly/claimswebinar16>.

CAPCA Annual Conference Set For June 23

The Central Atlantic Precast Concrete Association (CAPCA) is holding its Annual Conference June 23 in Ellicott City, MD. Topics include, among others:

Proper Pipe Installation
Pipeline Inspection & Inspection
Failing Culvert Solutions
Self-Consolidating Concrete

For details, send an email to Walt Catlett, wcatlett@concretepipe.org.

32 Transportation Construction Executives Graduate From ARTBA's Industry Leader Development Program

Thirty-two emerging leaders in the transportation design and construction industry, including three VTCA members, participated in an intensive "boot camp" introduction to the federal legislative and regulatory processes in May.

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association's "Industry Leader Development Program" (ILDP) provides rising leaders in the transportation construction and development sector with a solid understanding of industry economics, how transportation work in the U.S. is funded and financed, how actions by the federal government impact the industry, and how they—and their company or agency—can become politically engaged to help shape transportation policy.

VTCA salutes the 2016 ILDP class, which included these VTCA members:

- Ian Chaney, Supervising Engineer, **WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff**, Virginia Beach;
- Michael Estes, Mid-Atlantic Transportation Program Manager, **HDR**, Richmond;
- Diana Herriman, Project Engineer, **AECOM**, Arlington.

Also participating was Alexandra Lauzon, Deputy Program Manager with the Virginia Office of P3s.

Welcome To Our New Members

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Charles J. Rainero, president of **Permatile Concrete Products Company**, has been awarded the distinguished Myers-Lawson Award from the Myers-Lawson School of Construction at Virginia Tech. The Award was established in 2006 in order to recognize the recipient's career achievements and their exceptional contributions to the construction industry. The award is presented annually, and is the School's highest award. Rainero is a 1959 Virginia Tech Building Construction graduate, Corps of Cadets, AFROTC.

One of Mr. Rainero's many professional achievements includes the design and construction of the Permatile Concrete Products plant, which includes over 100,000 square feet of heated manufacturing space, under crane ways for year-around production space for over 100 employees. Permatile operates under the Quality Assurance program of the National Precast Concrete Association, which requires unannounced inspections by an independent construction laboratory.

Charles Luck IV, president and CEO of **Luck Companies**, was inducted into the Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame on May 19. Sponsored by Junior Achievement of Central Virginia, inductees are chosen for their contributions to business in the Richmond area. Charlie is the third generation of his family to manage the company. He joined the company in 1985 and became its president in 1995 and CEO in 1999.

Community Service At Roanoke Cement Celebrating Ten Years of "Catawba Creek Cleanup"

Roanoke Cement Company employees and friends gathered on April 23rd to clean the banks and surrounding areas of Catawba Creek in honor of Earth Day and the company's ongoing commitment to the local environment. For the last 10 years, volunteers have come together in an annual ritual to hike, identify and haul away trash, tires, sofas and whatever else has been left behind -- unnatural to this beautiful landscape.

RCC estimates that 15 tons of garbage has been collected from this area. Part of the creek is located on RCC's campus and the plant has adopted the creek, and this annual ritual, to ensure the area is kept pristine.

Teaching Water Quality to Sixth Graders

130 sixth grade students literally jumped into Catawba Creek to study what it takes to improve water quality and the environment. During a two-day event, held at RCC's mitigation site, RCC assembled the "dream team" of environmental and aquatic teachers. "When we were creating this agenda," says Lindsey Layman, Environmental Analyst from RCC, "we all agreed that education is the best way to improve local water quality. And we knew we had to start with younger students because the instruction resonates with them...it had to be hands on." Students hiked into the creek area and were split into smaller groups to have better access and to be more easily rotated through each discipline. Subject areas included Aquatic Macro Invertebrate Sampling, Visual Stream Assessment and Testing, Tree Species Inventory, Soil Survey and, of course, Lunch.

Health Care Corner

Buyer beware! Provider networks such as Point of Service (POS) and Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO) generally offer out-of-network coverage. However, it is important to know out-of-network providers are allowed to "balance bill" patients.

A balance bill is the difference between the provider's full fee-for-service and the amount the insurance company pays the provider as their allowable charge. The patient's payment responsibility when balance billed can be in the thousands of dollars. Make sure your in-network participating provider network is comprehensive and be careful about going out-of-network.

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VTCA Office Closed

The VTCA Office will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!



In Memoriam

The Virginia transportation construction industry lost a lifelong industry supporter when **Charles T. Gallaher II** passed away on May 1, 2016 at the age of 88. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 6 in Richmond.

Mr. Gallaher began his career with General Motors' Euclid International Division. In 1964 he joined L.B. Smith to start up their Virginia operations. In 1967, he became part owner of Mountaineer Euclid in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1969, he started his own company – Gallaher Equipment Company. In 1984, he joined Ron Scott, Sr. and formed Scott-Gallaher, Inc. He was a dedicated member of the Virginia Road Builders Association, supporting the organization and all the contractors he dealt with.

Charlie proudly served his country during the Korean War and received the Occupational Medal for his service in Germany. The VMI class of 1977 adopted him as an honorary member of their class. He was patriotic to a fault - at one time, 95% of his employees were Vietnam veterans.

David Denton Hull Willis, Sr. of Rockydale Quarries Corporation passed away on May 17 at the age of 57, finishing his fight with pancreatic cancer. He passed on from the comfort of his home surrounded by those he loved. David is survived by his loving wife Cydney, their four sons, an extended family, and a large network of business friends and colleagues. A memorial service was held on May 23 at St. John's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to your favorite charity.

A lifelong resident of Roanoke, David attended North Cross School and St. John's Episcopal Church. He graduated from Tulane University with a degree in Geology. He began work at the family business, Rockydale Quarries Corporation, in 1985 where he held many positions including Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President. Starting in 2006 to the present, David put his heart and talents into the successful reorganization and growth of the business. In 2008 he assumed the role of President and Chairman of the Board for Old Heritage Corporation. His philanthropic efforts spanned many decades and included serving numerous charitable organizations. He served on the Board of the Virginia Aggregates Association and served in leadership roles with VTCA.

Lisa J. Winters, wife of Howard Winters of Kanawha Stone Company, passed away on May 4 after a sudden, unexpected illness. Lisa is survived by Howard and a large extended family. Howard wrote, "I have been the most blessed man on the planet to have had the opportunity to have known, loved and been loved by this most amazing woman (a true disciple of Jesus) for 23 years. Honey, you can leave me here for a while, but know that I will be with you again – you are not getting off the hook that easy." A celebration of life was held on May 7.